ENGLAND.

Mr. R. P. A. Swetenham, B. A., has been appointed an inspector of schools.

Messrs. Siemens have commenced manufacturing a cable to replace that lost in the "La Plata."

Sixty thousand colliers in South Wales have struck work in consequence of a reduction in their wages.

A marble statute of the late Earl of Clarendon, raised by private friends, has been placed in the Foreign Office.

An unauthorised issue of one pound notes by the Jersey Harbour Committee has caused great excitement in the island.

The planers, riveters and boiler makers at Hull have struck work on account of a reduction of ten per cent. on their wages.

The Lord Chancellor has promised to introduce a measure next session of Parliament for the amendment of the Patent Laws.

William Smith, a Greenwich Hospital pensioner, was interred at Shooter's Hill Cemetery on the 17th ult. He had attained the age of 101 years.

The Board of Trade has received information that the export of grain has been prohibited from the province of Aleppo since the 20th November.

The town of Burslem becomes possessed of £30,000 for charitable purposes by the will of the late Mr. Howard Heywood, a retired brick-tile manufacturer.

The Queen in Council has fixed £20,000 per annum as the maximum expenditure for pensions to petty officers and seamen and marines in connection with Greenwich Hospital.

The Duchess of Edinburgh, now on a visit with the Duke to the Earl and Countess of Dudley at Whitley Court, is suffering from a sudden indisposition, which, however, is not serious.

Mr. Walter Scott has been appointed a member of the Legislative Council of the Straits Settlements, and Surgeon Major Samuel Rowe a member of the Legislative Council of the Gold Coast Colony.

The health of Prince Leopold is reported as being still so delicate that on leaving Oxford for Windsor at the vacation, he had to be carried from the railway station to the carriage in which he was conveyed to the castle.

Lord Arthur Russell, in an address to his constituents at Tavistock, said as long as Nonconformists made disestablishment and secular education, test questions to candidates, Liberal dissensions would keep Tories in office.

The London club for ladies and gentlemen, which includes so many accomplished persons of both sexes, will be opened on the 1st of February. The name of the club has not yet been agreed upon, but it will probably be called the New Club.

Bishop Colenso abandoned his intention of preaching in St. James' Chapel, London, in consequence of an intimation to the incumbent by the Bishop of London that he would issue a formal inhibition if the arrangement were carried out.

On the afternoon of December 12th a special train conveyed the Prince of Wales from Paddington to Windsor, on a visit to the Queen. The Earl and Countess of Dudley were also passengers by it.

The Right Hon. Lord Sondes died on the 17th ult., at Elham Park, East Dereham, Norfolk, of bronchitis. He was born in 1793. He served in the Peninsular war, and was present at the battle of Waterloo. His only son, the Hon. George Watson Miller, M. P., for East Kent, succeeded to the title.

The Prince of Wales was inducted on the 12th inst., at No. 31 Golden Square, London, into what is termed the thirty-third, or highest possible degree in masonary, and was formally installed as patron of those who profess to hold the "ancient and accepted rights" connected with the fraternity of "Knights Templar."

SCOTLAND.

The "Black Prince" is nearly ready for sea again, but she will not return to the Clyde. She is to resume her place in the Channel squadron.

Last year the Tract Society, Paisley, distributed 207,490 tracts. Since the origin of the society 10,210,530 tracts had been given away free of charge to the recipients.

The Brechin Castle wifies, the property of the late Earl of Dalhousie, were sold on the 12th inst. Some of the prices obtained were remarkable. The total sum realised was £2000.

About £1700 have been subscribed towards the sum of £2000 requisite for the erection of the contemplated memorial of Livingstone.

The strike in the Clyde shipbuilding trade has terminated, so far as the shipwrights are concerned, the men having offered to resume work on the 4d per hour reduction, and the masters having agreed to this compromise.

The Royal Scottish Society of Arts met on the 14th inst., in the hall of the society, George Street, Mr John Kinloch in the chair. Mr. Alexander Hunter, M.D., late superintendent of the Industrial School, Madras, delivered an address on modeling in clay, and compared the methods pursued in India with those followed in Great Britain and other countries.

The number of deaths registered in the eight principal towns in Scotland during last month was the largest recorded in any November since the Registration Act came in force. One of the causes of the unusually high rate of mortality was the prevalence of the epidemic of scarlatina.

Mr. W. U. Arbuthnot, for many years a member of Her Majesty's Council for India, died on the 11th inst., at his residence in Eaton Place, London. He was the fifth son of Sir William Arbuthnot, formerly Lord Provost of this city, by Ann, daughter of Mr. John Alves, of Shipland, Inverness-shire, and was born in 1807, and married, in 1834, Eliza, daughter of General Sir Henry G. A. Taylor, K. C. B.

IRELAND.

A steam collier, the "Black Diamond," caught fire in Belfast harbour and had to be scuttled.

The magistrates of King's County, at the request of the Lord Lieutenant, resolved that it was not desirable to repeal the Peace Preservation Act.

At a late meeting of the Cork Farmers' Club it was announced that Mr. M'Carthy Downing, M. P., had promised to give his tenants fixity of tenure.

A man named Kearns, residing near Dunkerrin, King's County, has been arrested on suspicion of having murdered his wife, whose remains have been discovered in a drain.

Father O'Keefe has brought an action in the Dublin Court of Queen's Bench, against Mr. Patrick J. Coaly, J. P., who charged Father O'Keefe with having forged his name. Damages are laid at £4,000.

Dr. Ball has been sworn in Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Mr. Ormsby, Q. C., has become Attorney-General, and Mr. Plunket, Q. C., M. P., Solicitor-General. Mr. May will retain his present position of law adviser.

A committee of the citizens of Dublin lately waited on the Lord Lieutenant, and urged the necessity for Government interference in regard to the cleansing of the River Liffey. His Grace promised to consider the matter carefully, and said there would probably be a private bill introduced next session.

An influential deputation, headed by the Archbishop of Dublin, the Provost of Trinity College, and Sir Arthur Guinness, Bart., M.P., have waited on the Lord-Lieutenant for the purpose of urging the Government to assist the institutions established in Dublin, Belfast, and Cork to promote the higher education of women. His Grace, in reply, said the mere compliance with their wishes for a grant would not altogether meet the question, as it was a very large and comprehensive one. The same want was felt very largely in England, and he suggested that they should utilize the teaching and examining powers over which they had control in the direction in which they aimed. He promised at the same time that the Government would carefully consider the subject.

FOREIGN.

A Consular treaty has been concluded between Russia and German, analogous to that existing between Russia and France.

The celebrated Biblical critic and Professor of Theology at the University of Leipzig, Herr von Tischendorf, died thereon the 1st of December.

The Finance Department of Japan has been making out a bill of costs for the Formosa war affair. It appears that $10,000,000 had been expended.

Since the famine set in in Asia Minor 50,000 persons have migrated from various parts of the country to the city of Adana, half of whom have since succumbed to disease.

The progress of Germany in Japan may be inferred from the fact that a grant of 173,250 marks has just been made by the Imperial Treasury for the erection of a seamen's hospital at Yokohama.

The question of opening museums and athenæums on Sundays is being largely debated in Victoria. Public feeling is in favor of it, but the Government decline to give legislative sanction to it.

A report is current at Berlin that Prince William of Wurtemburg, heir presumptive to the throne of that State, is betrothed to one of Prince Frederick Charles' daughters. He is Major of Hussars in the Prussian Guards.

The death is announced of the Duc de la Rochefoucauld, head of the Rochefoucauld family, and a kinsman of the late French Ambassador at London. He was 80 years of age, and since 1830 had taken no part in public affairs.

The German Government has just adopted a new kind of prismatic powder for its heavy guns, which is far superior to that used in England and Russia. The new powder consists of hexagonal prisms like the old, but the prisms are pierced with one hole only, instead of seven, and the specific gravity of the powder is raised from 1·65 to 1·68.

A good deal of laughter was occasioned in the French Chamber the other day, when Dr. Testelin, in demanding a School of Medicine for Lille, in addition to those proposed for Lyons, etc., declared that the number of doctors had decreased in the town he represents, while the population had increased. The doctor appeared astonished at the amusement caused by his peculiar argument.

Lady doctors are meeting with success in Switzerland. Miss Maria Vogtlin, M.D., who graduated last spring in Zurich after a brilliantly sustained examination, has settled there as a practitioner in diseases of women and children, and has already obtained an extensive *clientele*. She is now the wife of Dr. Heim, one of the professors in the faculty of medicine at Zurich.

Attention has been called in the Victorian Parliament to the falling off in the yield of gold in the colony, and a motion was introduced offering £50,000 per annum for very extensive prospecting. The Government acquiesced in the idea, but only consented to expend £10,000 on the work, which was agreed to. It is expected that the result of this action will be to stimulate fresh discoveries.

Signor Bonghy, the Italian minister of Public Instruction, has succeeded in obtaining from Government a sum to be granted every year to her universities for the purchase of books. These seats of learning are to be subsidies in the following proportion:—Naples, 14,910 francs per annum; Turin, 11,530 francs; Pavia 7,350 francs; Padua, 5,660 francs; Rome, 4,460 francs; and the inferior ones in their order. The non-academic libraries throughout the kingdom are also to receive a State grant.

AMERICAN.

The number of immigrants who arrived at New York last year was 146,337. In 1873 the number was 266,818.

It is probable that Prof. D. C. Gilman, President of the University of California, will accept the Presidency of the John Hopkins University of Baltimore.

The Seamen's Friend Society of New York is about to petition Congress for an appropriation for erecting a marine hospital during the coming year.

Governor Tilden was inaugurated as Governor of the State of New York at Albany on the 1st instant. Mayor Wickham was introduced as Mayor of the city of New York on the same day.

A few days ago, as the Rev. Dr. Ormiston of this city, was stepping on to a street car, the the tendon of one of his legs broke midway between the knee and the ankle. This extremely painful and annoying accident has evoked a wide sympathy for the Doctor. For many weeks the injury will prevent him from moving actively about. Under the most favourable circumstances the complete restoration of the limb, by the reunion of the tendon, is a most painful process. But Dr. Ormiston does not permit himself to lay aside even temporarily his more important duties. With his leg tightly encased he moves about on crutches, and he will preach occasionally in his church with all of his usual fervor and effect.

The banks of Canada are obtaining a foothold and prominence in this city amply deserved by their prudence, liberality, enterprise and trustworthiness. The Bank of British North America, the Montreal Bank, the Canadian Bank of Commerce and the Merchants Bank of Canada, are now all represented worthily in the commercial metropolis of the United States. With the exception of large private banking houses, such as that of Brown Brothers; Morton, Bliss & Co.; August Belmont & Co.; Duncan, Sherman & Co.: Drexel Morgan & Co., the great bulk of the sale of foreign exchange is conducted by the Canadian banks mentioned, and they are rated as drawers of bills of exchange as "first-class"—a particularly exclusive and honourable distinction. For the last ten years the success of three banks in general business has been extraordinary, and in the highest degree creditable, and there is nothing to prevent them, both in Canada and the United States, making even greater progress in the next decade.

A branch of the ably-directed Merchants' Bank of Canada has now been opened in New York, at No. 62 Wall Street, under the joint agency of Messrs. Walter Watson and W. J. Ingram. The bank has a gold capital of $9,000,000, of which $7,340,000 have been paid up. For some time sterling bills have been sold by the Merchants' Bank in New York, through the firm of Wotherspoon & Co., and a good rate of exchange had been established. It is not often that a new bank is organized in so favourable circumstances. The bank itself has been regarded as most reliable, and under control of the most skilful and thorough character. In New York its enterprise will be an undoubted success. Those entrusted with the direction of the local branch are gentlemen well-known to the business community to be thoroughly versed in all that pertains to banking, from its broadest principles to its minutest details. The prospects of the house here, with the facilities possessed for doing business abroad, are most encouraging, and a cordial welcome will undoubtedly be accorded to it by the mercantile and general public.

In his late annual report Mr. E. M. Archibald, British Consul-General in this country, there is a useful statement given of the value in the money of the United States, in pure metal, of the standard coins of the various nations of the world, as estimated by the director of the United States mint: The pound sterling of the United Kingdom is of the value of 4 dols. 86.65 cents. The mark of the German Empire, 23.81 cents. The franc of France, Belgium, Switzerland, the drachm of Greece, the lira of Italy, and the peseta of Spain, 19.30 cents. The Austrian florin, 47.60 cents; the Russian rouble (of 100 copecs) 77.17 cents; the crown of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, 26.80 cents; the Netherlands florin, 40.30 cents; the Portuguese milreis (of 1,000 reis), 1 dol. 8.47 cents; the Turkish piastrie, 4.39 cents; the Egyptian dollar [of 20 piastries] 1 dol. 0.39 cents; the rupee [of 16 annas] of India, 45.84 cents; the dollar of Central America, 96.50 cents; the Brazilian milreis, 54.56 cents; the silver taol of China, 1 dol. 61 cents; the gold yen of Japan, 99.70 cents.

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